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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/621,930	Applicant(s) KEOHANE ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 10 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 10 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is supplementary to premature final mailed on 11/19/2007. A telephonic conversation held between attorney of record "Bobby Voight" and the Examiner on 11/29/2007.

Response to Amendment

2. This office action is in response to amendment /reconsideration filed on 06/18/2007, the amendment/reconsideration has been considered. Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-16 and 18-20 have been canceled. Claims 3, 10 and 17 are pending for examination, the rejection cited as stated below.

Response to Arguments

3. A telephonic interview was held on June 6, 2007 with applicants' attorney Bobby Voigt, claims 2 and 3 were discussed under 112 second paragraph rejection along with art rejection under 102(e) as being anticipated and Examiner agreed to update the search.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for

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purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims, 3, 10 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Xue et al. (Patent No.: US 6,782,414 B1), hereinafter "Xue".
6. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
7. As to claim 3, 10 and 17 (product, method, system etc.) Xue discloses, if a failed delivery e-mail message is received, setting an indicator associated with an address of an addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message (Xue, Fig.8D, Element-828, 834 and 842, Col.12, lines 42-60, where stop icon is associated with failed delivery messages corresponding to the failed email delivery addresses); and displaying said address in conjunction with a perceptive cue in response to said indicator being set (Xue, Fig.5 and Fig.8D, Element-828, 834 and 842, Col.12, lines 42-60, where stop icon is associated with failed delivery messages corresponding to the failed email delivery addresses and messages are still waiting to be delivered);
wherein, if said indicator is set (Xue, Fig.8D, Element-828, 834 and 842, Col.12, lines 42-60, where stop icon is associated with failed delivery messages corresponding to the failed email delivery addresses), said indicator is operable for clearing in response to said address becoming accessible (Xue, Fig.3, Elements 303-306,

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Col. 8, lines 30-37, where 304 is reconciled module means if address matches than in next step indicator or status gets updated); and

clearing said indicator in response to subsequently receiving an e-mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message (Xue, Fig.3, Elements 301-306, Col.8, lines 38-57, where at step-305 status gets updated after address becomes accessible or reconciled).

8. **Examiner's Note:** Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references, as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in its entirety as potentially teaching of all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tauqir Hussain whose telephone number is 571-270-1247. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571 272

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3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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